

# QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

SPRING 2002

## STATE OF THE CITY ANNUAL EVENT *Picnic and Music in the Park*

**M**ark your calendars for **Saturday, May 25!** Bring the family and enjoy a patriotic mini-parade and a picnic and music in the park. What could be a better way to celebrate the Memorial Day weekend and kick off the summer season?

A fun and festive Saturday is planned for Sunnyvale residents in conjunction with the annual Mayor's State of the City address. A mini-parade led by the marching band from Fremont High School will begin at 11 a.m. in front of City Hall and continue onto Pastoria Avenue to Washington Park where the day's festivities will occur. In addition to the State of the City address, the "Picnic and Music in the Park" program between **11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**



will include performances by local school bands and presentation of community awards to outstanding

residents and organizations.

Light refreshments and delicious pie will be available for purchase, and families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a free, memorable event in the outdoors. Washington Park contains many recreational facilities including baseball and play fields, tennis courts, children's playground, and horseshoe pits. The park will be open until sundown.

Pack a lunch, grab a blanket to sit on and suntan lotion to slather, and join your friends and neighbors for one of Sunnyvale's best traditions...the Mayor's State of the City address and community event. Washington Park is located at 840 W. Washington Avenue, near Pastoria Avenue. ☀

## LONG-RANGE VISION FOR DOWNTOWN DEFINES THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

**T**he long-range vision for a traditional downtown in Sunnyvale is fully described in the new Downtown Urban Design Plan. This plan was supported and recommended to the



City Council for consideration by a 21-member Downtown Stakeholders Advisory Committee during an eight-month planning effort.

The Committee's vision for Downtown Sunnyvale is captured in a single statement: "An enhanced, traditional downtown serving the community with a variety of destinations in a pedestrian-friendly environment." The plan builds upon the unique character and commercial success of the 100 block of Murphy Avenue which is already successful in providing residents with a place to stroll, shop, dine, and connect with friends and family.

With the help of City staff and consultants who specialize in urban design and land use economics, the

committee outlined changes that will restore much of the historic

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— JOSEPH ANTUZZI

downtown street grid, reconnecting areas isolated when Town Center Mall was constructed in the late 1970s. In the plan, Murphy is extended one block to the south into the area that is now a parking lot for the mall. The eastern side of extended Murphy will be lined with shops and

restaurants that are integrated into a new parking structure. Similarly, McKinley Ave. is extended one block east from Mathilda Ave. to the mall, and is lined on both sides with new shops. The extensions of Murphy and McKinley are connected by a major pedestrian walkway through the mall. A 16-screen movie theater complex in the mall will strengthen its draw as an entertainment as well as retail destination.

Washington Avenue is also designated in the plan as a major retail street, lined with stores and restaurants between Mathilda and Sunnyvale. Town & Country is envisioned as a multi-family

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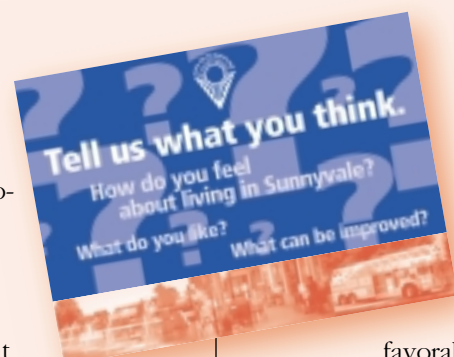
## RESIDENTS SATISFIED WITH CITY SERVICES *They Still Feel Safe in Sunnyvale*

**A** survey of residents designed to measure their "customer satisfaction" with City services found that most consider Sunnyvale a great place to live. The findings reinforce research conducted a year ago that showed residents believe Sunnyvale deserves its reputation for service excellence.

Results of the December 2001 External Customer Satisfaction Survey were presented to the City Council in March. The few areas identified

for improvement in the study will be added to the inventory of future study sessions, involving staff, the public and elected officials in developing ways that specific services could be changed for the better.

Special attention was placed in this survey, conducted just three months after the September 11th terrorist attacks, on residents' feelings



of safety and their level of satisfaction with emergency services. Police and fire protection were rated

favorably by 94% of the respondents and 92% expressed confidence in City law enforcement programs. When asked if they felt safe in Sunnyvale, 97% of the

*see Citizen Survey, page 2*



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# NEIGHBORS DISCOVER TREES THAT DELIGHT ONE PERSON MAY NOT PLEASE ANOTHER

If a neighbor's tree provides shade in your back yard, are you allowed to enjoy it on a hot summer afternoon? Sure. What about if a neighbor's tree drops fruit onto your property? Do you feel right about eating it without guilt? Probably.

But what happens if the next door tree is not so pleasant? Maybe it offers up a fruit you don't like or drops leaves, twigs or even branches into your yard that have to be cleaned up. Poet Robert Frost said that fences make good neighbors; trees located near the property line between two residences may not make for good neighborly relations.

Municipal ordinances get the City involved if a tree in dispute is diseased or damaged or presents a hazard to people or property, and permits are needed to significantly prune or cut down a tree if it is more than 12 inches in diameter, measured four feet off the ground. But if the tree is just considered a "nuisance," then it is up to the neighbors to work out their differences of opinion. That does not mean hacking away at the part of the tree that might extend over the property line without permission.

"Residents might think that they have a right to do anything they want with anything that hangs over their property line, either above the ground or below, but that may not be the case," said Leonard Dunn, urban landscape supervisor. "If a neighbor's unauthorized pruning or use of weed killer damages the tree or other landscaping, or makes it unsafe, then that neighbor could lose if the situation goes to court."

Dunn explained that cutting off branches indiscriminately can permanently harm the tree. Some trees are quite vigorous and can recover, but others may be permanently damaged. The tree may regrow from stubs but the new branches may not be attached strongly to the heart-

wood of the tree, increasing the likelihood that they will break off.

"Pruning needs to be done carefully and in a way that is mutually beneficial for the tree and people on both sides of the property line," he said.

"There are tree lovers and tree haters, and most people are in-between, depending on what the tree is doing to them and their level of tolerance," Dunn said.

The City of Sunnyvale tries to protect all trees in the City, although some trees are inappropriate for some locations. Like baby pets, Dunn explained that all trees start out looking cute and little. "It might look strange to plant this small seedling 50 feet away from the house, but that may be the best location if this is a tree that will grow so large it will mash up against the eaves or push down the fence," he added. The key is to select the right tree for the right spot. Books on landscape design in the Sunnyvale Public Library can provide information on the size and maintenance required for different types of trees.

Good neighbor etiquette says that the first step in dealing with unhappiness about a neighbor's tree is

conversation.

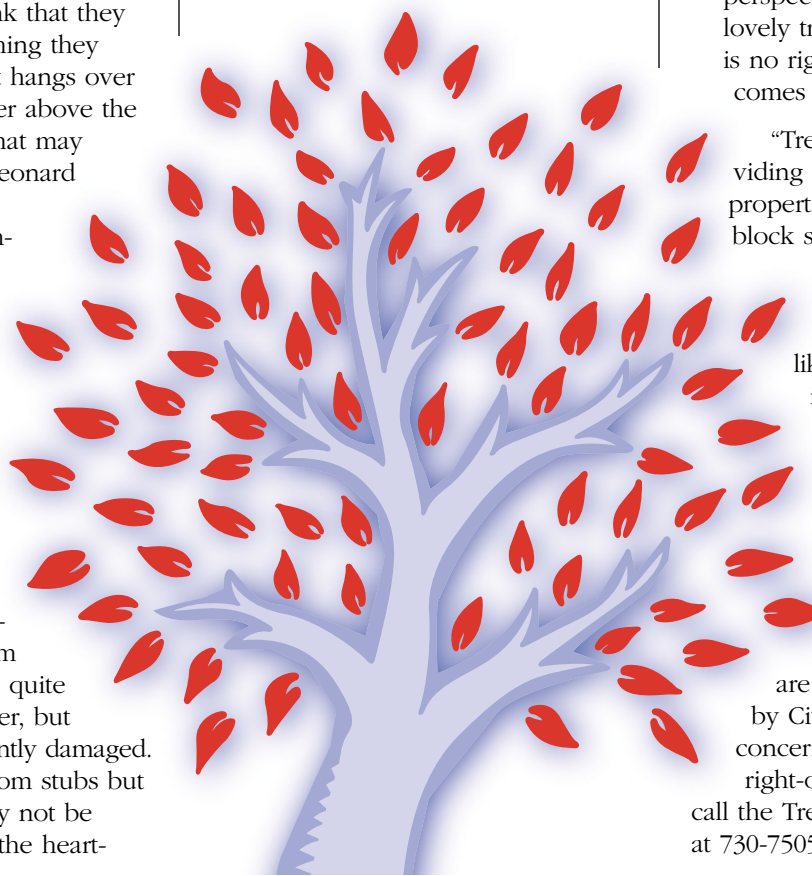
"We had one situation where a resident called us because a severe windstorm had broken off large branches of the tree next door into their yard. It was going to cost a lot of money to have the debris hauled away, and the resident was upset," said Christy Gunvalsen of the Neighborhood Preservation Division. "We discovered that the resident hadn't discussed the situation with the neighbor. We were able to mediate a happy ending once both parties were fully aware of what was going on."

### Other tips for good neighbor etiquette include:

- Talk with your neighbor and express your concerns in a calm, matter-of-fact manner. Make the goal of your conversation working together to find a solution that will satisfy both of you.
- Be flexible and willing to be part of the solution. It is a good investment to be cooperative since you may be living next to these people for years to come.
- Remember that your neighbor may have a very different perspective about what makes a lovely tree or landscaping. There is no right or wrong when it comes to judging beauty.

"Trees can be useful in providing a privacy screen between properties, but they can also block sunlight and views, dump copious amounts of leaves, and be an annoyance to people who don't like them," Dunn said. "It's important to define the problems posed by a specific tree and see if there are ways they can be handled that will make everyone happy."

Trees planted in the public right-of-way are City trees which are pruned and maintained by City staff. Property owners concerned about a tree in the right-of-way are encouraged to call the Tree and Landscape Division at 730-7505. ☀



## CITIZEN SURVEY

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respondents said "yes," especially during daylight hours. Residents feel less safe after dark, although 91% said they did not feel crime was a problem in this City.

Areas of neighborhood concern identified in the survey were overcrowding, noise, code enforcement, traffic safety and nuisance vehicle enforcement. Most (91%) believe that neighborhood parks are attractive and they praised the City for access to library services, quality of recreational services, and attention to environmental issues.

Questions that asked residents to identify the most important challenges facing Sunnyvale identified

four common themes: 1) traffic/congestion; 2) over-development/too much growth; 3) development of downtown; and 4) maintaining property values/economic growth.

As far as looking ahead to City services they would like to see added in the future, survey respondents requested more public transportation, especially for senior citizens, improved recycling, rental control, more arts and cultural programs, and more programs for youth.

In recognition of the economic downturn experienced in 2001, the survey also asked residents how the City should respond to a funding shortfall. Respondents were almost evenly divided between the two

choices: 1) increase local taxes or 2) keep taxes at current levels but reduce the level of services provided.

The survey was conducted by an independent market research firm, The Gelfond Group, which mailed written questionnaires to a random selection of 7,500 Sunnyvale households. There were 1,021 responses which represent a statistically valid sampling of community viewpoints. This level of response produces results at a +/-4% margin of error for the overall survey, which corresponds to a 95 percent confidence level.

A more complete summary of the survey is available on the City's website at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). ☀



# NEW 50-METER POOL OPENS TO STUDENTS

## Public Splash Coming This Summer

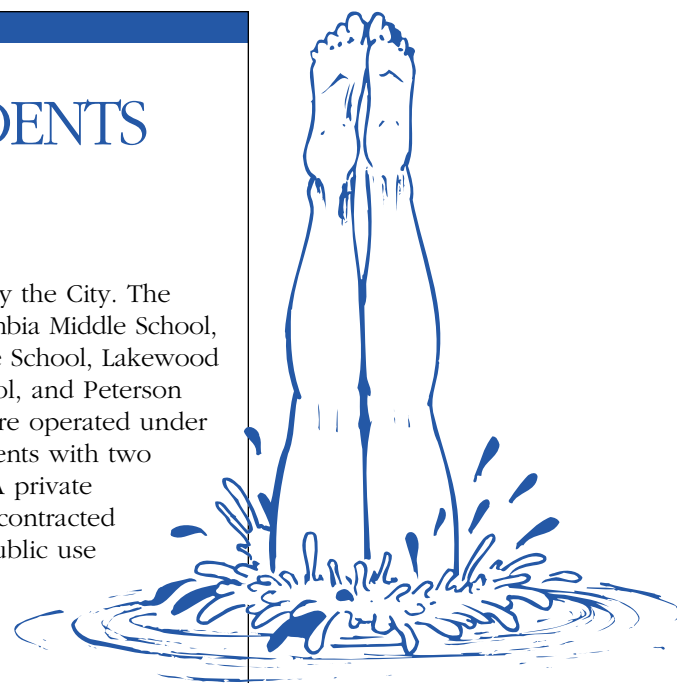
**H**igh school students are getting into the swim of things this spring in the new 50 meter swimming pool at Fremont Union High School, built as the result of a public-private partnership involving the school district, the City, and members of the community.

The pool, which measures 25 yards x 50 meters, will host a dedication ceremony prior to opening for

public use this summer. The new facility features 23 short course (25 yards) lanes and nine long course (50 meters) lanes. Construction of the City pool building is expected to be complete in June.

The \$2.8 million project is funded by public monies and donations obtained by Friends of Fremont Pool. Public swimming is also available at five other pools in Sunnyvale, although only one, in Washington

Park, is owned by the City. The other four (Columbia Middle School, Sunnyvale Middle School, Lakewood Elementary School, and Peterson Middle School) are operated under joint use agreements with two school districts. A private operator will be contracted to manage the public use portion of the new Fremont Pool. 🌊



## ALREADY LOTS TO DO IN DOWNTOWN

**D**owntown Sunnyvale is already the home of more than 200 businesses, offering a wide array of restaurants, shops, personal services and business enterprises. (A complete list can be viewed online at

[www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/downtown](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/downtown))

One of the most recent arrivals is the new Target, which opened in early March in the old Montgomery

Ward site at the WAVE/Town Center Mall. The first two-story Target store in Santa Clara County, it is located next to the new 962-space parking garage at W. Iowa and Sunnyvale Avenue that offers free parking with no time limits.

The very popular Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings will be joined this summer by a Wednesday evening version that will also feature free outdoor concerts. Dates for the July/August events and performing

bands will be announced later this spring.

Construction of the Mozart Downtown Office Plaza development is on schedule and should welcome its first tenants, Broadcom Corporation and Handspring Inc. by early 2003. Work also continues on the Multi-Modal Transit Center and it is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

Earlier this year, Downtown

Ambassadors were introduced to provide visitors with information on parking, business locations, and answers to other frequently-asked questions about downtown redevelopment plans. The friendly Ambassadors stroll through downtown streets and are stationed at busy intersections during peak business hours. They are easily identified by their navy blue jackets, shirts, or vests labeled "Downtown Parking Ambassador" and name badges. 🌟



### DOWNTOWN UPDATE

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residential community where people who delight in an urban environment lifestyle, in close proximity to the Caltrain station and commercial services, live above ground-floor retail.

The 1.7-acre Downtown Plaza that will be built next to the Mozart Development office building complex already under construction provides a landscaped public open space to serve downtown residents, workers and customers. The forecourt to the east entrance to Macy's will offer another major open space in downtown. For major community events, the block of Murphy south of Washington can be closed to traffic, creating a 1.5-acre public place for civic celebrations.

The plan foresees the stretch of Mathilda Avenue between El Camino Real and the Evelyn Ave. overpass as an attractive urban boulevard. Office buildings line its eastern side, an extension of the three office buildings now under construction north of Washington Avenue. The west side of the boulevard is multi-family residential, four stories on Mathilda Ave. stepping down to two stories on Charles Ave. where it abuts the existing residential neighborhood. The plan emphasizes that

all existing low-density residential neighborhoods adjacent to downtown should be protected, including the Taaffe/Frances Heritage Housing District.

### WE TOOK VERY SERIOUSLY THE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT OUR WORKSHOPS AND AT THE PUBLIC FORUM

— JOSEPH ANTUZZI

The 21-member Downtown Stakeholders Advisory Committee was appointed by the City Council. Its members include downtown residents, business owners, and developers. The committee held six workshops and one public forum.

"We took very seriously the public comments received at our workshops and at the public forum," said Joseph Antuzzi, who chaired the committee. "Our recommendations to the City Council incorporate most of the concerns raised by Sunnyvale residents and businesses."

Antuzzi said the committee learned that Sunnyvale already has

advantages in its downtown, such as established department stores and popular Murphy Street, that many other Bay Area communities do not.

"We discovered we have the foundation to build a true, traditional downtown," explained Antuzzi, "much like the downtowns that existed 50 years ago in most middle-sized cities across America. We believe that over time, as the plan is implemented, the heart of Sunnyvale will grow into a special, unique and vital place — a distinctive downtown for a proud City."

The Downtown Urban Design Plan was reviewed by the Planning Commission and the City Council during the month of March. Following action by the Council, it has been returned to staff and the Planning Commission to translate the vision into implementing ordinances and documents, including revisions to the Downtown Specific Plan, Redevelopment Area Plan, and Zoning Ordinance and Map. This process will take approximately nine months, require an Environmental Impact Report, and involve further public participation. 🌊

## STUDY ISSUES LOOK AT BUDGET, UTILITY RATES AND MORE

**S**unnyvale's efforts to involve residents in policy-making decisions continue this spring and summer with a series of public study issues on a variety of topics. Residents are encouraged to participate by reviewing staff

reports and offering comments and ideas on the issues either in advance of Council meetings (by mail or email) or through public testimony in person.

For more details on upcoming Study Issues and the schedule of

City Council meetings, visit the City's website at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) or call the City Clerk's office at 730-7483. Staff reports on items scheduled for each City Council meeting are posted on the City's website by 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the appearance of the issue on the agenda. 🌟

**APRIL 30**

### UTILITY RATE REVIEW

**E**ach year, City staff evaluates the financial condition of the City's utility enterprise funds for the provision of water, sewer and garbage services. The results of this analysis leads to rate recommendations made to the City Council that will ensure the continued viability of the utility enterprise funds.

Sunnyvale utility rates are based entirely on the City's costs for operating and maintaining its water, sewer and refuse facilities and services. Each of the City's utilities is operated as an independent enterprise, and all expenses and revenues for each service are accounted for separately. No tax revenues are used to cover the costs of utility services, nor are any revenues from water, sewer or refuse fees used to support other City programs or services not related to utilities.

**JUNE 25**

### ZONING CHANGES WITHIN THE 101/LAWRENCE/237 TRIANGLE

**T**his issue will discuss the possible conversion of industrially-zoned properties within the area bounded by Lawrence Expressway and Highway 101 and Route 237 so that parcels could be used for residential building or commercial uses. A traffic impact analysis for the area will be completed this spring as background. The two goals of the zoning change would be to increase the allowable number of residential units in the area and provide adequate retail for people who live and work in this part of the City.

**MAY 21**

### CITY BUDGET WORKSHOP

**T**his workshop, set for May 21 at 8 a.m., allows the Council and the public to hear about the proposed City budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 and the City's long-range financial plan. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for June 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunnyvale City Council Chambers at City Hall. It is anticipated that the proposed City budget will be available around May 10 for public review at the Sunnyvale Library, the City Clerk's Office, the Finance Department and the City's website. Residents are invited to ask questions about any of the projected revenues and expenditures planned for City services by contacting the Finance Department at 730-7380.

**MAY 14**

### SINGLE FAMILY HOME DESIGN TECHNIQUES

**T**his effort follows a recent study on large homes, which resulted in changes to the zoning criteria for two-story single-family homes. Staff is working with the community and an architect to develop additional illustrations that demonstrate appropriate design techniques for two-story single-family homes. The guidelines will also be reviewed and updated.

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### PRIVACY ISSUES WHEN HOMES ARE NEXT TO NON-RESIDENTIAL USES

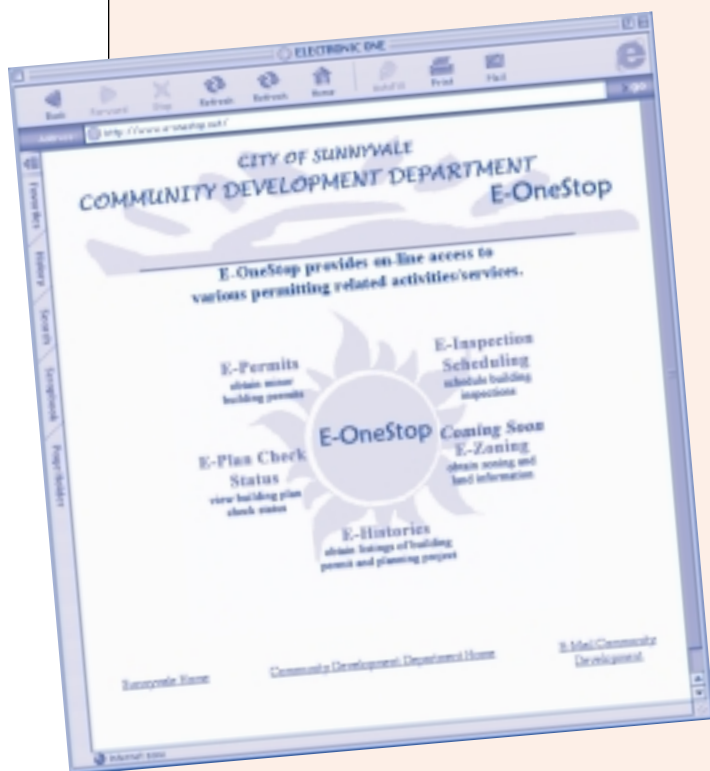
**T**his study issue will review current development standards for non-residential land uses adjacent to residential areas. It will determine whether existing requirements are sufficient or if additional requirements are needed to protect the privacy of residents. Specific topics may include line of sight between windows, the use of security cameras adjacent to residential properties, height of masonry property line walls, setbacks and landscape buffers

**JUNE 11**

### GROUP HOME ISSUES

**I**n 2000, voters in California approved Proposition 36, which requires probation and drug treatment, not jail, for possession, use or transportation of controlled substances. Communities throughout the state are anticipating that the implementation of Proposition 36 may increase the need for small group homes. This study issue will look at existing City regulations and guidelines and their effectiveness in addressing issues that could arise in conjunction with group homes, such as the potential for concentrations of group homes in certain neighborhoods, public notice and neighborhood security.

## TO SAVE YOU TIME, SUNNYVALE NOW OFFERS SEVERAL BUILDING PERMIT SERVICES ON-LINE AT [WWW.E-ONESTOP.NET](http://WWW.E-ONESTOP.NET)



### E-Permits

Obtain minor building permits on-line.

Permits that are available include: re-roof, masonry fireplace repair, replacement of residential furnace or water heater, residential sewer and water line replacements, and residential tub/shower enclosure replacement.

### E-Inspection Scheduling

Schedule building inspections on-line!

### E-Permit Histories

Obtain permit histories for planning and building permits.

### E-Plan Check Status

Monitor the status of building plan checks at any time.

For questions contact Ali Fatapour, Chief Building Official, at 730-7444 or by e-mail at [afatapour@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:afatapour@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). 🌟



# INVITE CITY COUNCIL TO ATTEND YOUR MEETING

More opportunity for in-person, face-to-face exchange of ideas and opinions with City Councilmembers is the goal of the new community outreach effort now underway in Sunnyvale. Community groups such as homeowners associations and other organizations that are concerned about civic issues and opportunities are encouraged to invite the City's elected officials to attend their meetings.

It is recommended that groups route their invitation to the Council through the Neighborhood and Community Services office rather than trying to reach all seven Councilmembers individually.

"We will convey the invitation and coordinate with the group," said Coryn Campbell, Manager of Neighborhood and Community Services, who added that the Council

has committed to attend as many of the events as their schedule allows. Information on how to invite the Council may be obtained from Coryn Campbell at 730-7475 or [ccampbell@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:ccampbell@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

Some City residents have expressed an interest in more communication with individuals actively involved in decision-making and policy implementation. At the same time, the City would like residents to be well informed about issues and to take an active role in municipal government, according to Campbell.

"People are most comfortable in informal settings and on their home turf," she said. "Providing public testimony at a Council meeting can be intimidating and sending a letter or email is not the same experience as being able to talk with someone in person." ☀

# LIGHT RAIL STATION OPENS AT MOFFETT PARK

A new light rail station is now open in Sunnyvale that offers workers a convenient stop between the Lockheed Martin station and the one at Bayshore/NASA.

The Moffett Park Light Rail Station, located at the Ariba office campus between Moffett Park Drive and 11th Avenue, is the first station in the light rail system to be entirely financed with private funds. Jay Paul Company, the developer of the nearby office complex, collaborated with the City, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), Lockheed Martin and Caltrans in constructing the station.

"This is truly an example of Transit Oriented Development which clusters jobs and housing around public transportation," said Jack Witthaus,

Transportation and Traffic Manager with the City of Sunnyvale. "The development was built entirely around the site of the station and gives people who work on this campus another convenient transportation alternative."

Witthaus said that the station is expected to divert at least 150 vehicle trips off the road and onto light rail each day. That number will increase if adjacent parcels are developed into additional corporate campuses.

The VTA light rail system extends more than 28 miles through the center of Santa Clara Valley from south San Jose to Mountain View in the north and includes 45 stations. Service is offered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 🌻

## COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING BULLETIN

Construction begins this spring for the new Sunnyvale Senior Center on the Community Center campus. During the 12-month construction period, the driveway entrance off of Manet Avenue will be closed to public traffic and used only for construction vehicles. About one half of the parking lot and drop off zone in front of the Recreation Center, off of Manet Avenue, will also be closed and inaccessible, but two driveway entrances from Michelangelo will remain open.

Additional parking for the Recreation Center and the Indoor Sports Center will be in the east lot located behind the Indoor Sports Center, next to the Arboretum. During construction, the "entrance door" for the gym will be on the north side, next to the theater building. There is another drop off zone located between the theater and gym, near the new gym entrance door. ☀

## PHONE NUMBERS SUNNYVALE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

For additional listings, check the Pacific Bell telephone directory. All phone numbers listed here are in the (408) area code.

<b>Emergency</b>	
Police/Fire .....	911
<b>Non-Emergency</b>	
Police/Fire .....	730-7100
<b>General</b>	
General Information .....	730-7500
Deaf Access .....	730-7501
<b>City Clerk/Board &amp; Commissions</b> .....	730-7483
<b>City Manager</b> .....	730-7480
<b>Mayor/City Council</b> .....	730-7473
<b>Human Resources/Personnel</b> .....	730-7490
<b>Library</b> .....	730-7300
<b>Garbage</b>	
Start/Stop Services: Residential .....	730-7400
Commercial .....	730-7681
Billing Information .....	730-7400
Service Complaints.....	730-7508
SMaRT Station®.....	752-8530
Recycling .....	730-7262
<b>Public Safety</b>	
General .....	730-7100
Crime Prevention.....	730-7140
Fire Prevention/Hazardous Materials .....	730-7212
Emergency Preparedness/SNAP .....	730-7190
Animal Control.....	730-7178
Abandoned Vehicle Hotline.....	730-7706
<b>Public Works</b>	
General .....	730-7415
Sewer Problems .....	730-7510
Street Trees/Landscape.....	730-7505
Emergency (business hours) .....	730-7510
Emergency (after hours) .....	730-7100
Traffic Signals.....	730-7415
<b>Finance</b>	
Business Licenses.....	730-7620
Utility Billing .....	730-7400
Purchasing .....	730-7405
<b>Community Development</b>	
Building/Planning/Permits.....	730-7444
Housing .....	730-7250
Neighborhood Preservation.....	730-7610
Graffiti Hotline .....	730-7680
Economic Development.....	730-7606
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	
Program Registration .....	730-7350
Facility Reservation (1-6pm).....	730-7724
Muni Golf Course .....	730-7625
Sunken Gardens Golf Course .....	730-7627
Baylands Park.....	730-7709
Maintenance .....	730-7056
Community Center.....	730-7350
Senior Center .....	730-7360
<b>Water Quality Information</b> .....	730-7510
<b>Employment Development</b>	
(NOVA Job Training) .....	730-7232
<b>Neighborhood &amp; Community Services</b> .....	730-7599
Child Care Services .....	730-7608
Columbia Neighborhood Center.....	523-8150
Volunteer Services.....	730-7533
Youth and Family Services.....	730-7599
<b>Communications</b> .....	730-7535
<b>Non-City Numbers</b>	
Chamber of Commerce.....	736-4971
Sunnyvale School District .....	522-8200
Sunnyvale Superior Court .....	739-1503
Santa Clara County Clerk .....	299-2481
Marriage Licenses (County Clerk).....	299-7310
AT&T Cable .....	800-222-0300
Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling .....	565-9900x800
PG&E Customer Service .....	800-743-5000
Pacific Bell: Residential.....	800-310-2355
Commercial.....	800-750-2355
<b>Sunnyvale Website</b> .....	<a href="http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us">www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us</a>

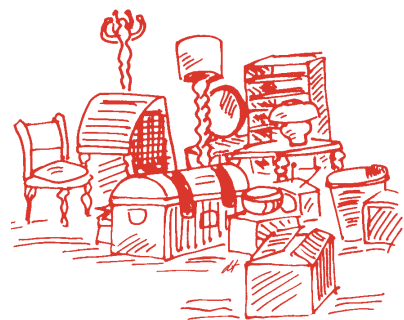
## EARTH DAY

### EARTH DAY WAS APRIL 22

*But Taking Care of the Planet is Year-round Job*

Since 1970, millions of individuals around the world have used Earth Day in April as the focal point of educational programs to promote a healthy environment. The Earth Day Network includes more than 5,000 organizations in 184 countries. More information on Earth Day activities in the U.S. and around the globe is available at the website [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org). For information on local activities, check out [www.bayareaeearthday.net](http://www.bayareaeearthday.net). Here are some things you can do to make every day Earth Day.

#### SHOP CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES



**April 27 & 28, 2002  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**The hunt for treasure is on!**

Participating addresses will be listed on the City's website at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) and in maps distributed free at all Sunnyvale 7-Eleven stores.

#### MOW, MOW, MOW YOUR GRASS...BUT CHOOSE A MOWER THAT TAKES NO GAS

Mowing a lawn for an hour with a gas lawnmower generates as much air pollution as driving a late model car 340 miles! Multiply that times the thousands of households in Sunnyvale alone, and the need for replacing gas mowers with clean, electric models becomes obvious.

**A lawn mower exchange will be hosted by the City on Saturday, May 11, from 8-11 a.m. at Home Depot, 690 Kifer Rd.**

Residents may bring in an operating gas mower (drained of all fluids, one mower per customer) and qualify for a \$100 instant rebate on the purchase of one of two different electric mulching mower models. With the rebate, the price of the cordless model will be \$279. A less expensive corded mower will be priced at \$79 after the rebate. Quantities are limited and trade-ins will be on a first come, first served basis.

Electric mowers use very little electricity (about as much as a hair dryer) and automatically recycle grass clippings into a mulch that keeps the lawn green and healthy. Not only does

the use of an electric mower reduce air pollution, it helps to keep nutrient-rich organic material out of the landfill.

"Grasscycling" — leaving the clippings on the lawn when it is mowed — is the most natural way to recycle grass cuttings. If a lawn is properly mowed and watered, grasscycling produces a healthier-looking lawn. Mow the lawn only when it's needed, which will vary depending on the growth cycle of the lawn. A good rule of thumb is to not cut any more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade in any one mowing. If the grass clippings look "hay-like," the lawn is not being cut frequently enough. Don't overwater the lawn (most turf grasses need an inch of water every 5 to 7 days during the growing season) and note that grasscycling reduces the amount of fertilizer needed by 15-20 percent because grass clippings return nitrogen to the soil.



A mower exchange in Sunnyvale last fall brought in 100 gas mowers, representing 7,267 pounds of scrap metal that could be recycled. Based on calculations from the Environmental Protection

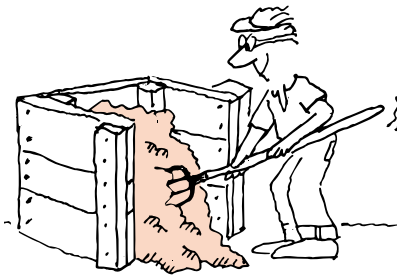
Agency and the Federal Highway Administration, the first mower exchange in Sunnyvale will reduce air pollution by an estimated 1,920 pounds of emissions in a single year.

The mower exchange is held cooperatively with Santa Clara County, the California Air Resource Board, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Information about the event is available from City of Sunnyvale Recycling Program at 730-7262 or the City's website at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recycle](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recycle). For information about how to dispose of fluids from the gas mower before it is exchanged, call 1-800-CleanUp.

#### COMPOSTING TURNS YARD TRIMMINGS INTO ORGANIC "GOLD" FOR THE GARDEN

It is estimated that one-third of the waste of an average single family home comes from yard waste - grass cuttings, leaves, weeds, shrubs and tree trimmings. About 10% of the material that ends up in landfills throughout the U.S. is yard waste, even though it could easily be recycled into useful compost and mulch.



The yard waste collected through the curbside recycling collection program in Sunnyvale is taken to the SMaRT Station® where it is processed and then made available to Sunnyvale residents to pick up, free of charge as either finished organic compost or partially-composted material. The final product — organic compost (used as a soil amendment) and mulch (the "top dressing" placed around flowers and plants) — helps gardens, landscaping and houseplants thrive.

Residents can also make their own compost in their own backyards. Compost workshops led by master composters are



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# HIGHLIGHTS

scheduled every month to teach the basics of composting. Upcoming workshops are set for May 25, June 8, and July 13. All are free and scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Sunnyvale Arboretum, 550 E. Remington Dr. near the Community Center.

In addition to learning how to convert yard trimmings and food scraps into compost, the workshops offer an opportunity for Sunnyvale residents to purchase a Smith & Hawken Biostack compost bin and instruction book for \$28, which normally retail for about \$100. For further information on the workshops or the bin, or to reserve a place in a workshop, call the Sunnyvale Recycling Program at 730-7262.

Most beginning composters are surprised at how easy it is to make high quality, nutrient-rich compost in their own yards. A typical "recipe" for compost involves 50% dry brown organic material such as leaves and dry weeds, 50% moist "green" organic material such as grass cuttings and shrub trimmings, and water to dampen. Composting can be done

in a purchased bin, such as the one offered by the City, in a homemade enclosure, an old garbage can that has holes punched in the sides and bottom, or even a hollowed out area of dirt in a corner of the yard away from the house, patio or deck.

## COMPOST WORKSHOPS LED BY MASTER COMPOSTERS ARE SCHEDULED EVERY MONTH TO TEACH THE BASICS OF COMPOSTING.

Brown and green materials are mixed with grass clippings and sprinkled with water.

The pile will heat up and "cook" at temperatures as high as 150 degrees Fahrenheit. Every week or two, use a pitchfork to turn over materials and allow oxygen to circulate over the decomposing material. The pile will continue to heat up and cool down. The final product will be a dark and crumbly compost that has lost its heat.

If properly composed and maintained, compost piles will have a not-unpleasant "green" smell. An ammonia-like odor means the pile has excess nitrogen and needs more dry browns. A putrid smell means the compost is too wet. Check the drainage, spread out the materials to dry and/or add more dry browns to correct the problem.

Compost can be created in as little as two to three weeks, or it can take two to three months. It all depends on what materials are used in the pile and the size and condition of the pile. The smaller the material is chopped up, the faster the decomposition.

The use of compost and mulch in maintaining gardens, landscaping and houseplants saves time and money because there is less need for irrigation, which conserves water. You will also need less fertilizer, which protects your family's health by reducing the use of toxic chemicals in your yard. Best of all, compost helps plants, flowers, trees, and lawns grow green and lush. 🌻

## WATER NEVER GOES AWAY, BUT ITS QUALITY CAN CHANGE

A recent series of public service announcements on KSUN emphasized what people often forget - 80% of the Earth is covered by water. The promotional spots, narrated by well known film stars including Pierce Brosnan, Jeff Bridges, Morgan Freeman, Linda Hunt and Alfre Woodard, stressed that it's up to the humans who live on this planet to protect this life-sustaining natural resource.

### PROTECTION OF OUR WATERSHED IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF ALL LIVING THINGS.

"The water that exists on earth now is the same as when the earth was formed 4.5 billion years ago. It's all the water we've ever had and it's all we're ever going to have," said Gail Glen, Environmental Outreach Coordinator for the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant. "Dinosaurs drank the same water that we do! Water is called Nature's Boomerang because it always comes back to us." Water takes different forms during its cycle — vapor rising from the earth to form clouds, then liquid as in rain, solids like snow and ice, and back to the earth again. And along with that water comes the pollution. As the old saying goes, "We all live downstream."

Although water has a natural

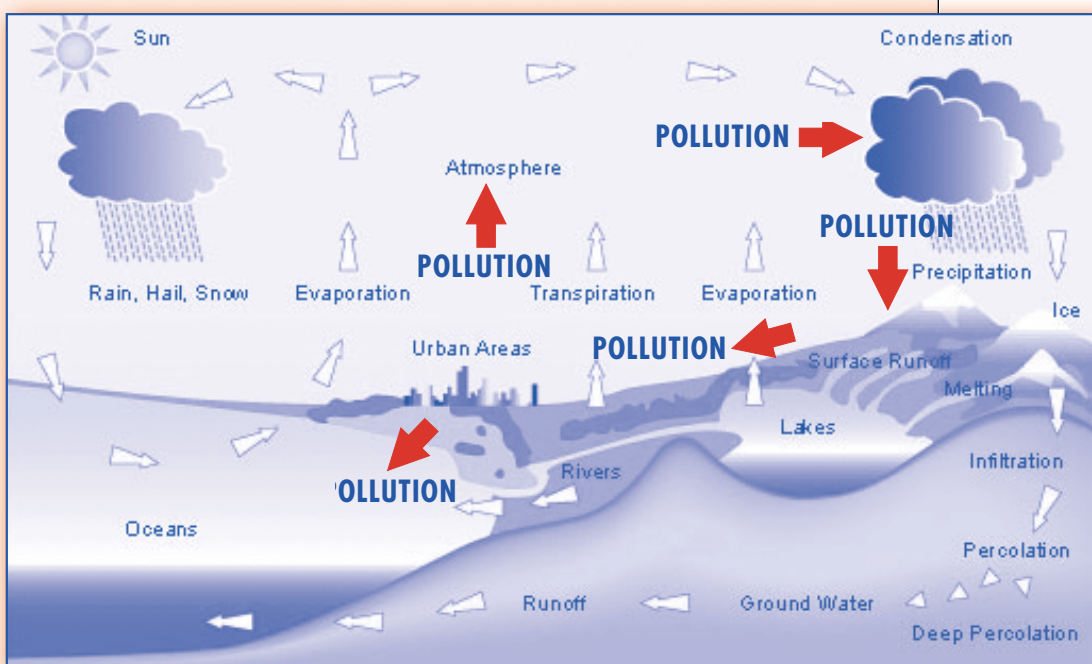
ability to cleanse itself, the increased human population has overwhelmed the natural process and made it necessary to have wastewater treatment facilities like Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant. There, sewage from homes and businesses is purified enough to be discharged into a natural water body like San Francisco Bay. Treatment plants make use of a comprehensive and complex knowledge of chemistry, biology, public health, engineering, hydraulics, and electronics to accomplish this task.

The quality of effluent (treated wastewater) discharged by the Sunnyvale plant is substantially higher than national, federally-mandated secondary treatment standards. It is treated to advanced standards required for discharge to the South

Bay. But even then, traces of some pollutants can still remain. One role of plant staff is to teach people how to prevent this sort of pollution. They also teach how to prevent pollution of water flowing into storm drains from rainwater runoff and overirrigation of landscapes. This is especially important because storm drains empty straight into creeks and the Bay without treatment.

"Water is not just a matter of convenience or beauty," Glen said. "It's a matter of survival. Protection of our watershed is essential to maintain the health and well being of all living things — both now and in the future."

For more information about how you can become a watershed steward, please call Environmental Outreach at 408-730-7717. 🌻



# SPRING LANDSCAPING PROJECTS CAN CONSERVE ENERGY

A well-planned landscape is one way homeowners can reduce the energy needed to keep their homes comfortable in summer and winter. The spring planting season is the perfect time to plan ahead for relief from hot summer temperatures without having to use a fan, cooler or air conditioner.

Here are a few ways that landscaping can be used for energy conservation:

- Shade trees can reduce temperatures inside the home by as much as 8 to 10 degrees, especially if they are located on the south and/or western sides of the home. If the trees are deciduous (losing their leaves in the autumn), then light and sun can penetrate their bare branches during the winter.

- Vines, shrubs and certain trees can also be used as espaliers — plants that are trained to grow flat against walls, protecting them from heat and cold. Trellises placed on or close to the house are popular for supporting shrubs and vines.
- Arbors and slatted wooden overhead structures can be used to shade walls and windows, reducing heat and glare.
- The temperature a few inches above turf or other groundcover plants can be 12 to 15 degrees lower than above asphalt or concrete surfaces. Plant groundcover between the house and paved areas such as driveways, patios, and walks.
- Small shrubs can also block heat reflected from patios and pavement if they are planted in the right location.

## Remodeling the kitchen?

Spring is also a popular time to launch major home remodeling projects. If the kitchen is about to get a make-over, look for appliances with the EnergyStar® label that have been designed to use less energy. Call the PG&E Smarter Energy hotline at 1-800-933-9555 for details.

While you're in the kitchen, check the settings on the refrigerator. The fridge should be between 38 and 42 degrees Fahrenheit and the freezer should be between 0 and 5 degrees. A setting that is 10 degrees too cold results in an energy bill 25 percent higher than it needs to be.

On the flip side, there is no need to have water too hot. Setting the water heater on "low," which is about 120 degrees Fahrenheit, doesn't waste natural resources heating water to a temperature that is too hot for standard home uses. ☀

# GOLF COURSE BEGINS PROCESS TO RECEIVE AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARY CERTIFICATION

The Sunnyvale Public Golf Course has started the process to receive certification from the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program which helps golf courses enhance and protect wildlife habitat and natural resources on their property.

Sunnyvale is in step two of a three-step process which involves completing a resource inventory (acreage devoted to maintained turf, woodlands, streams, ponds, lakes, etc.) and creating an environmental plan appropriate for the locale.

Certification can take up to five years to complete.

"We already see egrets and blue herons on our course, along with rabbits, squirrels and other small mammals," said Gary Carls, golf operations supervisor. "The goal is to use out-of-play areas to create more cover and protection for the wildlife. Eventually, we will inventory specific bird species to see if our environmental efforts are bringing in anything new."

After registering the course for the program and completing the requirements of step two, the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program suggests strategies for improving the course's environmental stewardship efforts. Certification, the third and final step, is available in six environmental areas: environ-

mental planning, wildlife and habitat management, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation, water quality management, and outreach and education.

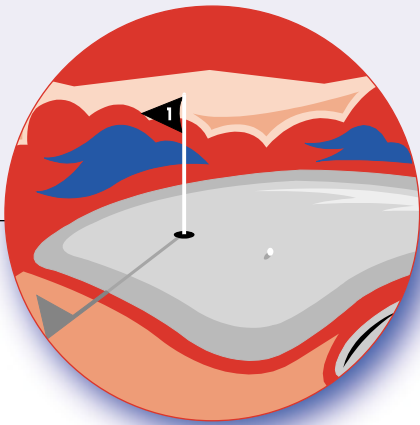
Carls said that all of the recommendations of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program are voluntary and custom-designed for the particular situation of each golf course. The program provides technical information, support and guidance to golf course employees as they implement environmental projects.

"We all have an important role to fulfill in protecting and preserving the environment," said Carls who has already earned certification from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Environmental Management Program. "It's become increasingly important for superin-

tendents to step outside the traditional role of turf manager and expand their knowledge of environmental relationships."

Initially, the City's nine-hole course, Sunken Gardens, will not be part of the certification program, although it may be added later. "The smaller course is much more confined in what can be done because of its surroundings," Carls explained. Any plans for environmental changes on the 18-hole course will take into account its unique design and how players play the course.

"Golf courses do provide environmental benefits in urban settings," Carls said. "We want to demonstrate that golf courses and the City are environmentally responsible." ☀



# AIR POLLUTION GOES UP IN SMOKE

A blazing fireplace may make a charming hearthside picture, but wood fires also add toxic pollutants to the air inside and outside of the house. Both fireplaces and wood stoves release more air pollution than heaters using other fuels, and wood smoke adds odors and degrades visibility in the neighborhood.

Fortunately, this is a problem where individual action can make a significant difference. The best way to help reduce wood smoke pollution is to stop burning wood altogether or limit the use of wood fires to special occasions. Other actions that can help include:

- Use manufactured logs that burn cleaner and generate less ash for clean-up.

- Burn only dry, seasoned wood that produces less harmful air pollutants. There should be no green visible in seasoned wood and should make a cracking sound when two pieces are hit together. If you hear a dull thud, the wood is not seasoned long enough.
- Build small, hot fires rather than large smoldering ones. Refuel while coals are still hot.
- Do not burn garbage, glossy paper or wood that has been painted or chemically treated. All of these materials release harmful toxic chemicals and the burning of them is prohibited by a City ordinance.
- Make sure your home has adequate insulation and weather-stripping so that heat is kept

inside. Be sure to close the damper tightly when the fireplace or stove is not in use.

- Replace an old fireplace or wood stove with one that is less expensive to operate and that generates less smoke and pollutants. A new gas fireplace insert offers both the look of a wood fire and better fuel efficiency and emission records.

Most importantly, avoid the use of the fireplace on Spare the Air nights when air quality conditions are already poor, and NEVER burn wood overnight. It's a major fire hazard.

For more information on wood burning tips or to check on the Bay Area's daily air quality report, call 1-800-HELP AIR. ☀



## FREE RECREATION CATALOGS AVAILABLE

Three publications describing classes and programs for everyone in the Sunnyvale community are available free from Sunnyvale Leisure Services.

The Sunnyvale Leisure Services Activity Guide lists a broad range of activities for children and adults who seek a new hobby, personal growth, fun and the opportunity to make new friends. To be placed on its mailing list, call 730-7410.

A similar catalog is available for programs offered through the Sunnyvale Senior Center and may be obtained by calling 730-7360. Senior courses include arts, health and wellness, dance, computers, and language among others, and drop-in activities such as bridge and billiards.

Specially-designed programs for

individuals ages 6 to 75 years old with physical, mental, emotional or social limitations are listed in the

Sunnyvale Therapeutic Recreation Brochure. To receive a copy, call 730-7359. ☀



## CHANGE IS A CONSTANT FOR LOCAL WORKFORCE; NOVA HELPS EVERYONE WEATHER THE UPS AND DOWNS

Living and working in Silicon Valley means being prepared to deal with constant change. Companies ramp up or downsize almost daily. New technologies pop up, seemingly overnight, and skills can become obsolete just as quickly. Individuals lose their jobs and need help finding employment, or need new skills to stay competitive or to make a career change. Businesses may be looking to hire, outsource, or simply find new ways of retaining and training staff.

In short, everyone in Sunnyvale can use a little help every now and then with their work lives. NOVA, a workforce development organization administered by the City of Sunnyvale, delivers a range of employment and training services designed to enhance people's ability to work and live in Silicon Valley.

Since 1983 NOVA has offered a variety of programs for job seekers, as well as programs and services for currently-employed individuals who want or need to improve their skills. NOVA customers complete an orientation session and then have immediate access to the Career Connection, a resource center filled with free services such as references to job postings, computers with Internet access, resume review, training sources, and community resource information.

Tutorials teaching computer applications such as MSWord, Excel and PowerPoint and workshops focused on such topics as communication, negotiation techniques, team building and problem solving are also available.

NOVA takes particular care to provide employment and training services to people with special needs,

such as veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and the economically disadvantaged. There are programs for youth ages 14 to 24 to help them learn the skills they need to be productive in the world of work. The NOVA Youth Employment

Office provides one-on-one career counseling, as well as connecting area youth to job opportunities. For more information about the Youth Office, call (408) 522-9845.

Local businesses are also assisted by NOVA programs. Employee retention programs such as Techforce, a new joint initiative with the California Employment Development Department and the Employment Training Panel, offer state-of-the-art information technology training to the employees of small businesses (100 or fewer employees) who otherwise would be unable to invest in IT skills development.

Employers also appreciate that NOVA

is a one-stop source of qualified applicants — connecting experienced jobseekers with business staffing needs. Another no-fee service for businesses is downsizing consultation which includes outplacement services that effectively

handle employee transitions while providing job-search strategies to laid-off employees.

To help NOVA better serve both businesses and job-seekers, NOVA is part of CONNECT!, a 26-member consortium of service and training providers co-located on the NOVA campus. CONNECT! members represent a wide range of programs and interests, and provide additional access to comprehensive workforce and business solutions.

For more information about NOVA and its programs, call (408) 730-7232 or visit the NOVA website at [www.novaworks.org](http://www.novaworks.org). ☀



### TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR DOG

Dog owners in Sunnyvale are reminded that Municipal Code requires dogs be kept on a leash, no longer than six feet in length, when they are in public places such as parks, sidewalks, streets, school grounds or any unenclosed land. Violators may receive citations.

The exception is the off-leash dogpark at Las Palmas Park on Russett Drive. In this fenced, half-acre park dogs can run and play without a leash. Water is available for pets and their owners.

Sunnyvale also has a "pooper scooper" ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their animals and put it in the trash. Many dog owners carry plastic bags or paper towels with them to "scoop" the "poop."

In addition, pursuant to Sunnyvale Municipal Code, all dogs over the age of four months, that reside in the City of Sunnyvale for more than 30 days must be currently vaccinated against rabies and licensed. Owners of unvaccinated and or unlicensed dogs are subject to citation.

Questions about animal care/control or licensing requirements should be directed to the Sunnyvale Animal Control Unit at 730-7178. ☀

# SEWER REPAIRS MADE EASY

*Call the City before Contacting a Plumber for Sewer Cleaning*

**A**sk any property owner, and they'll tell you that home ownership has its rewards, but it's also a lot of work. One of the less glamorous aspects of home ownership is dealing with sewer line malfunctions. This is one area where the City can help.

The sewage that leaves your house is transmitted through a pipe called a "sanitary sewer lateral" (see figure below). Once passing through the sewer lateral, the material enters

a larger pipe outside the property line called a "sewer main" where it is then transmitted to the City's Water Pollution Control Plant.

If you find that your plumbing does not work, there could be a problem with your sewer lateral. When this occurs, be sure to call the City before you contact a plumber. Call the City's Department of Public Works, Field Services Division at (408) 730-7510 on weekdays between 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at (408) 730-7180 at other times. Certain responsibilities for sewer repairs rest with the City, while other responsibilities lie with the property owner.

## The City's responsibility:

- 1 The City is responsible for making certain that the sanitary sewer main is operating in the street.
- 2 The City is also responsible for certain problems between the property line and the sanitary sewer main. Within this range, the City will make repairs to sanitary sewer laterals that have been broken, settled to such an extent as to be nonfunctional, or plugged by

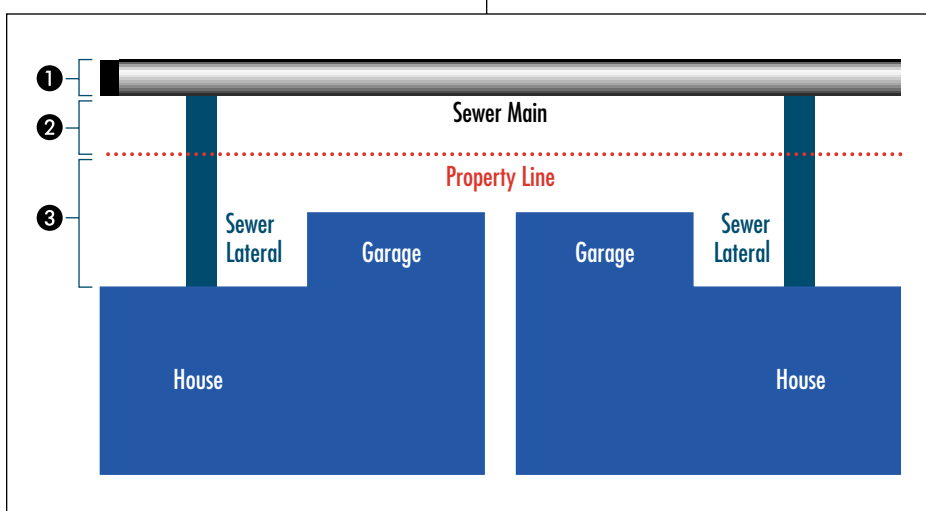
City tree roots entering the lateral.

## The property owner's responsibility:

- 3 The landowner or householder is responsible for maintaining the section of the sanitary sewer lateral on private property. It is also his or her responsibility to remove any plugs from the section of the sewer lateral between the property line and the sewer main caused by paper, toys, other solids, and so forth.

When you call to notify the City about a sewer problem, the City's sewer crew will come out and make sure that the sewer main is working properly. If it is operating, the crew will notify the householder that the problem lies in the sanitary sewer lateral and that a plumber should be called. Once the plumber inspects the sewer lateral, a determination can be made as to whether the City or the property owner is responsible for repairs, depending on the problem.

For more information, contact the City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Works, Field Services Division at (408) 730-7510. ☎



## LEISURE SERVICES WEBSITE IS THE BEST

An international association gave top honors to the section of the City's website describing Sunnyvale's leisure services in a recent awards competition.

Complimenting its easy navigation and colorful home page, judges from the Learning Resources Network (LERN) also praised the division's "Try It" feature which allows people to try certain classes for just \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents.

The Leisure Services division site is located at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/leisure-services](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/leisure-services) and includes information on recreation jobs, local clubs, classes for all ages, special events, park projects and facility reservations. Soon, residents will be able to register online for leisure services programs.

LERN provides information and resources to providers of lifelong learning programs including educational institutions, professional development conferences and conventions, and other organizations that offer classes, seminars, recreation, and training. ☎

## 17TH ANNUAL HANDS ON THE ARTS

**THE OLDEST ARTS FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN IN THE BAY AREA**

**Saturday, May 18, 2002**

**10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Sunnyvale Community Center  
350 E. Remington

30+ creative, multicultural activities for kids taught by performing and visual artists

Fee: \$3 per child (\$10 maximum per family)

**For information, call 730-7350**



## MORE DEMAND FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VIDEOS, ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY

**A**re there more kids in town? Or are more families discovering the amazing variety of books, videos, storytelling programs and other activities available at the Sunnyvale Public Library?

The reasons may be cloudy but the numbers are crystal clear - circulation of children's books and videos is up 20 percent, and there is an increased demand for activities in the library focused on its youngest patrons.

The children's area of the library is a busy place every day. Parents of babies and pre-school children come to look at picture books and easy reader volumes.

School-age children arrive in the afternoons to work on homework or school reports, or enjoy a good book. Increasingly, entire families come to the library to enjoy storytimes or other special events.

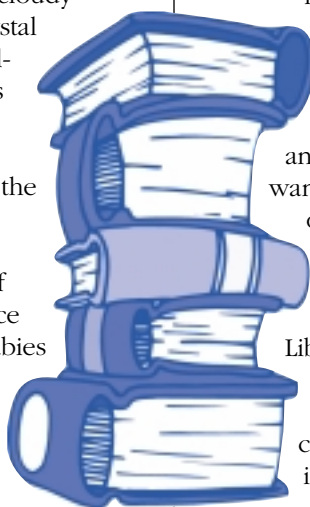
"Our librarians are creative and inventive in developing programs that please the children and their parents," said Nancy Jackson, children's services librarian. "We love books and we want kids to love books. It is our pleasure to show them how delightful books and language can be."

The Sunnyvale Public Library has 77,053 items, primarily books and videos, cataloged in its children's collection including materials in Spanish, Chinese,

Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Russian and other languages. Circulation last year topped 460,000 in children's materials alone, and the Library sponsors more than 300 programs annually for youngsters and their families.

In a few weeks, the Library will gear up for its Summer Reading Program which encourages children to read (or have read to them) at least 10 books before school resumes in the fall. Those that do, earn a free paperback book donated by the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library organization. In 2001, 1,065 children and 222 teens participated in the program.

Information on weekly storytimes featuring stories, poetry, music and crafts is available online at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/library](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/library) or by calling 730-7292. ☎





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CC	=	Council Chambers
WCR	=	West Conference Room
CCB	=	Community Center Boardroom
GCR	=	Garden Conference Room

PUBLIC MEETINGS —  
City Council, Boards and Commissions

Public Meetings Calendar  
April 26 – July 31, 2002

The following are projected dates of City Council meetings, which are held each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (study sessions are normally held at 6:30 p.m. prior to Council meeting), Board and Commission meetings, and selected issues on the City Council calendar. All dates shown are subject to change. For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times listed, contact the City Clerk's Office at 730-7483 or call SunDIAL at 774-0262 code 122. City Council meetings are broadcast on KSUN (Cable TV channel 18) live Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and rebroadcast 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live Mondays at 8:00 p.m. and rebroadcast Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

CITY HOLIDAYS

City Hall Closed  
May 27, Memorial Day  
July 4, 4th of July

CITY COUNCIL

7:30 p.m., CC  
April 30  
May 7, 14, (21, 29 Canceled)  
June 4, 11, 18, 25  
July 16, 23 (2, 9, 30 Canceled)

BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

Arts Commission, 7 p.m., WCR  
May 15  
June 19  
July 17  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., WCR  
May 16  
June 20  
July 18  
Board of Building Code Appeals, 7 p.m., CC  
Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call 730-7444.  
Board of Library Trustees, 7:30 p.m., CC  
May 6  
June 3  
July 1  
Child Care Advisory Board, 1 p.m., WCR  
Meetings are held quarterly only when needed. For more information call 730-7608.  
Heritage Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., WCR  
May 1  
June 5  
July - No Meeting  
Housing and Human Services Commission, 7 p.m., WCR  
May 22  
June 26  
July 24  
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., CC  
May 8, 22  
June 12, 26  
July 10 (24 - Cancelled)  
Personnel Board, 5 p.m., CC  
May 20  
June 17  
July 15  
Planning Commission, 8 p.m., CC (Study Sessions, 7-8 p.m., WCR)  
May 13, 28  
June 10, 24  
July 8, 22

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED  
FOR THE FOLLOWING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Arts Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Board of Building Code Appeals, Child Care Advisory Board, Heritage Preservation Commission, Housing and Human Services, Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission. An information meeting will be held on May 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the West Conference Room at City Hall. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., May 17, 2002. For more information call (408) 730-7483 or visit [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/bc-com](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/bc-com).

LEISURE –  
Theater, Arts, Recreation

For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times, contact the organization listed.  
Leisure Activities Calendar  
April 26 - July 31, 2002

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Health and Safety Fair  
Saturday, April 27  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Columbia Neighborhood Center,

785 Morse Avenue  
Free Admission  
Library Bookmobile, Child Fingerprinting, Helmet Fitting Station, Entertainment Food, Free Health Screenings, Bicycle Safety Inspections, Bike Rodeo featuring Safe City, Community Services Information, Perfection On Wheels (BMX stunt team) Police and Fire Department Demonstrations For more information call 730-7599.  
City-Wide Garage Sale  
Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28  
Sunnyvale's popular citywide garage sales are held every year around Earth Day. You choose the spot. The City buys the ads. You keep the cash! The City coordinates the event to encourage the reuse and recycling of furniture, appliances and other household items so they do not end up in landfills. Call 730-7262 for more information.

Bike-To-Work Day  
For more information contact (800) 755-7665 or visit [www.btwd.org](http://www.btwd.org). Leave your car at home on **Thursday, May 16** and join thousands of Bay Area commuters as they bike to work or take transit. "Energizer stations" will offer snacks, drinks and encouragement to bicyclists on the morning of Bike to Work Day. At this time there are four "energizer stations" scheduled to be located in Sunnyvale:

- The Sunnyvale Caltrain Station
- Wolfe Road at El Camino Real
- Maude Avenue at Mary Avenue
- Baylands Park at Moffett Park Drive and Caribbean Drive

Hands on the Arts  
For more information call 730-7515.  
Saturday, May 18  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunnyvale Community Center  
2002 Annual State of the City  
For more information call 730-7535.  
"Picnic and Music in the Park"  
Saturday, May 25  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Washington Park, 840 W. Washington Avenue

2002 Art and Wine Festival  
For more information call 736-4971.  
Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2  
Downtown Sunnyvale

Friends of the Sunnyvale Library Book Sale  
For more information call 730-7300.  
Saturday, June 29  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Raynor Center, 1500 Partridge Avenue  
4th of July Celebration  
For more information call 730-7515.  
Thursday, July 4th  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Baylands Park, 999 Caribbean Dr. at Lawrence Expwy and Hwy 237

SUNNYVALE THEATER PRODUCTIONS

Sunnyvale Community Players  
For more information or to purchase tickets call 245-4974.  
Lend Me a Tenor  
April 12 - May 5

California Theater Center  
For more information or to buy tickets call 245-2978.

The Princess and the Pea  
April 22 - May 10  
The Nightingale  
May 13 - May 31

Sunnyvale Singers  
For more information or to buy tickets call 227-5036.

Spring Concert  
May 12, 8 p.m.

California Theatre Center's Summer Rep 2002  
For more information, ticket services, and specific dates and time for each performance call 720-0873.

Arms and the Man  
June 6, 7, 8, 22, 26, 29  
July 12, 18, 20, 28

Angel Street  
June 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 25, 26, 28  
July 13, 17, 21, 25, 26

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June 20, 21, 22, 27  
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The Complete Works of William Shakespeare  
July 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 19, 27  
Creative Arts Center Gallery  
For more information call 730-7731.  
KidsArt 2002  
May 18 - June 29  
Sunburst 2002  
July 12 - August 24

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

For more information call 730-7360.

Older Americans' Month Celebration  
May 3  
Big Band Night - The Nob Hill Sounds  
May 8  
Walking for Seniors Health  
May 13  
Big Band Night - Bob Gutierrez  
May 22

SUNNYVALE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Discover a Hoppin' Place @ Your Library.  
Summer Reading Program 2002 at the Sunnyvale Public Library. For children ages 3 and older and teens. Read 10 or more library books by *September 8* and earn a free paperback book. Limit 1 free book per reader. Register at the Children's Information Desk or on the Bookmobile from *Saturday, June 15 to Sunday, August 4, 2002*. Gift books will be awarded *Monday, August 5 to Sunday, September 8, 2002*. Call 730-7292 for information about free summer programs for children at the Library and in the community, or visit the Library website at <http://library.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us>.

Bookmobile Summer Schedule  
The Sunnyvale Library Bookmobile Summer Schedule begins June 25. Call 730-7312 to receive a copy of the schedule, or visit the Library website.

RECYCLING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Lawnmower Exchange Event  
For more information call 730-7262.  
Saturday, May 11  
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Home Depot, 690 Kifer Road  
Compost Workshop  
Sunnyvale Community Center - Arboretum, 10 a.m. - noon. Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before. For more information call the Recycling Program at 730-7262.  
May 25  
June 8  
July 13  
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off  
Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Rd), 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 730-7262.  
May 18  
June 15  
July 20

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAKE-UPS  
AND MIXERS

For more information call 736-4971

Wake-up Sunnyvale  
May 9 • June 13 • July 11  
Mixers  
May 23 • June 27 • July 25

LEADERSHIP SUNNYVALE

To apply for the 2002-03 class contact Jim Telfer at 749-5691 or [jtelfer@yahoo.com](mailto:jtelfer@yahoo.com).

ON-GOING EVENTS

Family Child Care Network Meetings  
Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information contact: IrisAnn Nelson at 733-4828 or Bobbie Martin at 746-0336.  
Sign up for a tour of Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant!  
To schedule a tour or for more information call 730-7717. 🌻

HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR 2002  
PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN SUNNYVALE

Saturday, April 27 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave.  
Free admission • Open to all Sunnyvale residents

Bike Rodeo featuring "Safe City" Perfection on Wheels (BMX stunt team)

Bicycle safety inspection & helmet fitting station

Free health screenings • Child fingerprinting • Library Bookmobile

Police and Fire Department demonstrations

Community Services information • Entertainment & Food

For information, call 730-7599



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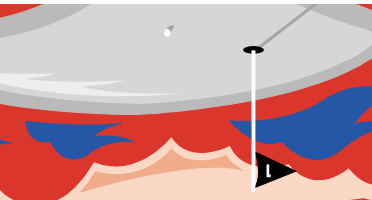
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